



Town of Groton, Connecticut

Meeting Minutes

Town Council Committee of the Whole

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Mayor James L. Streeter, Councilors Bruce S. Flax, Bill Johnson, Catherine Kolnaski, Deborah B. Monteiro, Frank O'Beirne, Jr., Deborah L. Peruzzotti, Paulann H. Sheets, and Harry A. Watson

Saturday, February 6, 2010

9:00 AM

Town Hall Annex - Community Room 1

SPECIAL MEETING

1. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Streeter called the meeting to order at 9:02 a.m.

2. ROLL CALL

Members Present: Mayor Streeter, Councilor Flax, Councilor Kolnaski, Councilor Monteiro, Councilor O'Beirne, Jr., Councilor Peruzzotti, Councilor Sheets and Councilor Watson
Members Absent: Councilor Johnson

Also present were Town Manager Mark Oefinger and Executive Assistant Nicki Bresnayan.

3. NEW BUSINESS

2009-0305

Council Goalsetting

Discussed

Mayor Streeter suggested that Councilors look at the existing goals to see if they were accomplished and if they were realistic. He noted that the focus of the Council going forward will definitely be the economy. Mayor Streeter polled individual Councilors about their priorities.

Councilor Johnson arrived at 9:20 a.m.

Roll Call: Members Present: Mayor Streeter, Councilor Flax, Councilor Johnson, Councilor Kolnaski, Councilor Monteiro, Councilor O'Beirne, Jr., Councilor Peruzzotti, Councilor Sheets and Councilor Watson

Discussed

The consensus was to group goals under four categories: Quality of Life, Fiscal Responsibility, Environmental Responsibility, and Communications.

Ideas generated by Councilors were determined to be short or long term, and evaluated to see if they were realistic and accomplishable. Councilors agreed that it would be helpful to designate a "goal sponsor" who would be responsible for tracking and reporting progress.

The following goals and sponsors were identified:

Thames Street - Jim Streeter

Town-Wide Property Maintenance Code - Mick O'Beirne

Phase II School Project - Deb Peruzzotti

Environment - Paulann Sheets

Parks and Recreation Master Plan - Harry Watson

Economic Development Strategy Plan - Bill Johnson

Plan of Conservation and Development - Paulann Sheets

Future Use of School Facilities - Deb Monteiro

Councilor Peruzzotti left the meeting at 11:02 a.m.

Roll Call: Members Present: Mayor Streeter, Councilor Flax, Councilor Johnson, Councilor Kolnaski, Councilor Monteiro, Councilor O'Beirne, Jr., Councilor Sheets and Councilor Watson
Members Absent: Councilor Peruzzotti

Discussed

Goal sponsors were asked to "flesh out" their particular goal(s) and provided written statements to the Town Manager by February 17th, for discussion at the Committee of the Whole meeting on February 23rd.

Discussion followed on the Council's mission statement.

The Council asked staff to schedule a pre-budget public meeting on February 16th.

4. ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Councilor Watson, seconded by Councilor O'Beirne, to adjourn the meeting at 11:30 a.m.